

EMERGENCY MESSAGE TO US CITIZENS

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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD. THANK YOU.

TSUNAMI ALERT

The United States Embassy alerts U.S. citizens to the possibility of a tsunami hitting the shores of Negros and Cebu Islands following a magnitude 6.9 earthquake which struck off the coast of Negros Oriental at 11:49am today. As there is a potential risk for aftershocks, please pay attention to any warnings or orders from local officials regarding evacuations or the placing of portions of the coast off limits.

PHIVOLCS has placed an ALERT Level 2 on Negros and Cebu Islands. People are advised to stay away from the shoreline during this period. People should not go to the coast to watch the tsunami. People whose houses are very near coastal areas are strongly advised to go farther inland.

Boats in harbors, estuaries, or shallow coastal water should return to the shore. Secure your boat and move away from the waterfront. Boats already at sea during this period should stay offshore in deep waters until further advised.